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Thy letter communicating the cheering intelligence of your dear Maria's convalescence was recd & read with much delight, causing aspirations of thankfulness to the Father of goodness, that she was yet permitted to gladden the hearts of her friends & plead the cause of the dumb — N. G. C's letter was recd, but following it was information of a more gloomy character that we were not relieved from anxiety — To day we have a letter from C. C. B — stating thy return to Boston & Maria's still improving health, & some other interesting particulars respecting the N. E. convention in which Abby Kelly was prominent, — verily some of our northern gentlemanly abolitionists are as jealous of any interference in rights they have long considered as belonging to them exclusively, as the southern slave-holder is, in the right of holding his slaves, — both are to be broken up, & human rights alone recognized.

I have written to E. Philbrick [illegible] whom, & from some of our friends who have gone to Boston, you have learned that we remained quiet on the night of the day on which you left us, through all the excitement I felt a secret confidence that it would be so, & at the same time a calm resignation to whatever might befal us, our son Thomas prefered remaining with us to going to his sisters, & when we heard the yell of the mob passing up Race St. went with me to the front door, supposing that our house might be their object — It was a subject of regret that you left us in the manner & at the time you did, had I acted on my own feelings only, I should have insisted upon your remaining at least until the next morning, but when we were so strongly urged by several to leave our own house, I thought it would not be proper to say any thing to encourage you to remain in it, — perhaps it was all best, I am willing to hope ~~so~~ but cannot help, or rather could not while the accounts from Maria were so gloomy, feeling some condemnation for consenting that she should be exposed to the fatigue

~~suffrance~~ of travelling, thinking that had she kept still the result might have been different from what we at one time feared it would be —

Some reaction has taken place ~~place~~ in the public mind, but the feeling against the abolitionists is yet very strong, — among the thinking some enquiry has been excited to know for themselves wherefore the whole city was brought together, — but our depository being burnt we can do but little towards supplying the demand — Another difficulty has arisen amongst us, from which I fear some if not much harm will result, a few of our timid friends have become greatly alarmed at the resolution passed by the womens convention, respecting the duty of abolitionists associating with & countenancing coloured Americans, & have endeavoured to persuade the publishing committee to omit the resolution, — but the committee true to their trust, have not as yet been intimidated or turned aside, further, than to assent to attach a note, to the effect that it was not unanimous, & to delay publishing the proceedings a short time, as no principle was involved in so doing — The opponents are however not content with a delay, but are endeavouring to induce the coloured people to publish a disclaimer, in order, as they are told, to avert the destruction & bloodshed that will result to them if they do not disavow it — this is said by those who profess to be abolitionists, & to whom the coloured people have been accustomed to look for counsel & assistance, — some of the latter however see that the real ground of uneasiness in their advisers, is prejudice against their colour, & are counteracting the effect, or action that might otherwise be had, so that I hope it will all end without coming to another blaze — The prejudice against colour that I have always felt lurking within me, has I believe been entirely destroyed, by the light of Pennsylvania Hall — Having filled one half the sheet I will leave the remainder for my wife, & with affectionate remembrance to all our Boston friends subscribe

James Mott

Yes my dear Anne we were in a painful state of suspense for a few days & our anticipations were fearful — It would be but a repetition of the foregoing to dwell on the events or to express my gratitude that all is now well with you & us, and as only 15 minutes are allowed me to add my mite I will use part of that time to remove the impression which I fear will be made that any of our thorough Anti-Slavery friends are turning back & discouraging the colored people from cooperating with our movements it is only our half-way Abolitionists & some timid ones like Dr Parrish who have never joined our societies & who are now quaking with fear — These it is to be regretted are not well understood by the colored people whom they attempt to influence — they think them wholly identified with us & confiding in them as their best advisers they are in danger of being led astray — I told Dr P. that the course he was pursuing would make it necessary for counter influence to be exerted by some of us — he assured me he should do all he could to get the colored people to protest against such intercourse as that resolution contemplated & he has already called some of them together for that purpose — Tell Chs. Burleigh this if he is with you — he will understand it — tell him too that I had attended to his coat long before I recd his letter ~~also that~~ I shall write to him —

My letter is called for & I have only time in the warmest affection to subscribe myself

thy affect friend

L. Mott —

I found the enclosed pin under the bureau & presumed it was left by one of your compy
I hope E. Sampson's health did not suffer from the excitement — Love to her & all

I sent Maria's towel by Charles —

Anne Warren Weston
Care of Henry G. Chapman
Boston - -

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